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TELCON
Greenfield
Ball
6/18/65, 12:40 p.m.

Ball wondered what it was Marguerite Higgins was calling him about. Greenfield replied she is doing a book on Viet-Nam; has had long talks with Ros Gilpatric; the key point is the Saturday afternoon cable which Hillsman had sent. Someone has said Ball had cleared it with the White House. When Gilpatric talked to her he had said Taylor had not seen it.

Ball recalled to mind that he had been reached on the golf course by Hillsman and Harriman; they had gone back to Ball's house to get together the telegram. Ball recalled he had cleared it with Gilpatric and had called the President at Hyannisport for clearance. Greenfield felt Ball should talk to Higgins.

Higgins, 12:45 p.m.

Ball relayed the above sequence of events to MH, who asked the nature of the cable. Ball promised to take a look at it and call her back. MH said the date had been August 24.

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